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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kenichi IIZUKA et al.

Attorney Docket Number: 108273-00006

Application Number: 10/790,176

Group Art Unit: 2182

Filed: March 2, 2004

Examiner: Jasjit S. VIDWAN

For: INTER-BUS COMMUNICATION INTERFACE DEVICE AND DATA SECURITY DEVICE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: May 12, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated April 21, 2006, the Applicants hereby elect Group I directed to Claims 1 – 10, drawn to data transfer means or steps for defining a characteristic of a desired transfer of data. This election is made without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

In view of the Applicants' above election, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of elected Group I, Claims 1 – 10 on the merits.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment with respect to this paper to Deposit Account Number 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket Number 108273-00006.

Respectfully submitted,

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